

AN ORDINANCE creating a Joint Seattle/King County Office of the Arts and prescribing the duties and functions thereof, and repealing Ordinance #00110.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

Section 1. The County of King hereby agrees with the City of Seattle to establish a joint City-County Office of the Arts, to be known as the Seattle/King County Office of the Arts, to promote and encourage artists and the arts. The artists and artistic institutions of the Seattle/King County area contribute to the beauty, proportion and grace of the environment. They are a source of unique perspective on our community identity and values. They enable us to participate in the cultural traditions and developments of our age. They are outlets for recreation and wellsprings of reflection. They contribute to our economic wellbeing by attracting businesses, residents and visitors.

Section 2. The said Office may alone or in cooperation with any other private, civic, or public body initiate, sponsor or conduct programs calculated to further the development of and public awareness and interest in the fine and performing arts.

Section 3. There shall be a Director of the Seattle/King County Office of the Arts to be appointed by the Mayor and the County Executive from among those persons, not less than three, recommended for such appointment by the Commission, which appointment shall be for a period of four years and shall be subject to confirmation by the City Council, County Executive and County Council, and such Director, whose office shall not be included in the Classified Civil Service of Seattle, may be removed by the Mayor prior to the expiration of his four year term upon the recommendation of the Commission, subject to like

1 confirmation of the City Council, County Executive and County  
2 Council; provided that no appointment shall be made under the  
3 authority of this section except upon the filing by the Civil  
4 Service Commission as a permanent record in the office of the  
5 City Comptroller, of its recommendations that such, as a  
6 professional or administrative office or position similar to  
7 offices and positions designated in Article XVI, Section 11 of  
8 the Seattle City Charter, should not be included in the Classified  
9 Civil Service.

10 The Director shall be responsible for the administration  
11 of its staff. His duties in connection with such administration  
12 shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- 13 1. Appoint, remove, supervise and control in  
14 accordance with Civil Service rules and  
15 regulations of Seattle such subordinate officers  
16 and employees on the staff as may be prescribed  
17 by ordinance;
- 18 2. Administer all ordinances pertaining to the said  
19 office and take such appropriate action as may  
20 be necessary;
- 21 3. With the approval of the Commission, authorize  
22 necessary expenditures, and supervise the  
23 maintenance of adequate accounting systems;
- 24 4. Make periodic reports and recommendations to  
25 the Mayor and City Council and the County  
26 Executive and County Council concerning the  
27 operations of the said office;
- 28 5. Have such other and further powers and duties  
29 as shall be prescribed by ordinance.

30 Section 4. There is hereby established an Arts  
31 Commission consisting of sixteen (16) members, eight of whom  
32 shall be appointed by the Mayor subject to confirmation by the

1 City Council, and eight, all of whom shall live outside the City  
2 of Seattle, shall be appointed by the King County Executive  
3 subject to confirmation by the County Council. Consideration  
4 shall be given to selection of members from as broad a geographic  
5 and demographic representation as possible and from persons who  
6 should demonstrate an interest in and knowledge of a broad  
7 spectrum of the fine or performing arts. Four of the original  
8 appointees by the Mayor and four of the original appointees by  
9 the County Executive shall each serve a term of one year; the  
10 remaining and all subsequent appointees shall each serve a term  
11 of two years. Vacancies on the Commission shall be filled by the  
12 Mayor or the County Executive in the same manner as original  
13 appointments as described herein so that the City and the County  
14 will each have eight members on the Commission. The members  
15 shall serve without compensation.

16 The City Council and the County Council shall each  
17 appoint an ex-officio member to serve on the Commission.

18 Section 5. The Commission shall elect such officers,  
19 adopt such rules and procedures for the transaction of business  
20 and hold such meetings as it deems necessary, and keep a written  
21 record of its proceedings, which shall become a public record.  
22 The Commission shall hold regular public meetings.

23 Section 6.

24 a. The Commission shall act in an advisory capacity  
25 to the Mayor of Seattle in his administration of the General  
26 Donations and Gift Trust, Civic Arts Account of the City;  
27 County Executive in the preparation of the County Budget for  
28 expenditures in support of the Arts and to the Director of the  
29 Seattle/King County Office of the Arts. No funds shall be  
30 deposited nor expended from the said City accounts without the  
31 advice of the Commission and the authorization of the Mayor and  
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1 City Council.

2 b. The advice of the Commission shall be sought con-  
3 cerning the receipt of or purchase of any works of art to be  
4 placed on municipal or county property, except for museums or  
5 art galleries.

6 c. The Commission shall further be consulted on any City  
7 or County governmental decision directly affecting the fine or  
8 performing arts.

9 d. The Commission shall establish a fund in which  
10 shall be placed the allocation as the Mayor and City Council, and  
11 the County Executive and County Council shall appropriate thereto  
12 together with any miscellaneous revenues, grants, gifts, or  
13 bequests for purposes of furthering the arts. All expenditures  
14 shall be distributed from this fund by the Director of the  
15 Seattle/King County Office of the Arts with the advice of the  
16 Commission and all balances remaining in this fund at the end of  
17 the year shall be carried over the succeeding year.

18 Section 7. Seattle and King County will each contribute  
19 annually one-half of the expense of the joint operation. An  
20 annual budget estimate shall be prepared by the Director,  
21 subject to the approval of the Commission, the Mayor and adoption  
22 by the City Council, and the County Executive and adoption by  
23 the City Council, and the County Executive and adoption by the  
24 King County Council.

25 PASSED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1971.

27 KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
28 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

29 ATTEST:

30 Ray Olsen  
31 Acting Clerk of the Council

30 Robert B. Quinn  
Chairman

32 APPROVED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March,  
1971.

County Executive